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I note with interest that this is your action. Go with God. Perhaps I am only seeing these because of my current chair, and this has taken place a great deal in the past. However, it seems to me that while smiling and being as accommodating as possible, this Agency should avoid becoming an extension of the Congressional staffs. Carried to an extreme, we will find ourselves giving Congressmen the answers to every crank letter they receive. Perhaps I should not be as concerned as I am if your office is able to cope on its own. However, I seem to recall that in recent days people have dipped twice into the DO to get answers to silly questions such as "are the Soviets flooding the U.S. market with Swiss watch movements made at Soviet prison camps?" We have enough problems without trying to answer non-substantive Congressional inquiries.

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John Stein

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